

## **Hall Men's Shed**

### **2017 – 2018 Foreman's Annual Report**

Another year gone already, we were told they would go faster in retirement !! How right our forebears were, still I can't complain as I look forward to my birthdays now.

Nothing much has changed at the shed in the past 12 months, with the main focus being our Thursday morning tea's and the monthly BBQ along with woodwork projects being undertaken by a few of the members. These core activities are central to the mission of the shed in providing a welcoming, supportive environment in which men can come together to their mutual benefit.

The membership of the Shed has maintained the numbers with around 45 registered members currently paid up, some have drifted away only to be replaced with several new faces. We have been fortunate during the past year that we have not lost members through illness or their passing, long may it last. (There is the exception of Val Wiseman, not a direct member of the shed but certainly an honorary one.)

During the past year we have been entertained by several guest speakers giving talks on their individual subjects, hopefully others will come forward over time with stories of interest to the group. We will continue from time to time to ask new members to stand up and give us an outlay of their lives **IE:** Who they are, about their family, what they have done with their life workwise, and just generally about themselves so we can get to know them a bit better!!

Once again Kingsley & Cynthia Southwell generously made their "Brooklands" property available for our Christmas celebrations with Mick De Britt supplying the meat and the Ladies of the Museum and various others supplying the salads & sweets, once again enjoyed by all. It has been suggested that next Christmas (2018) that rather than do as we have done in the past that we celebrate at a restaurant or perhaps Gold Creek station or whatever other venue that we can make a suitable arrangement with. This would be by way of a fixed booking requiring each attendee to pay a set amount and the balance subsidised from the shed account. That way everyone can sit back and relax without the usual willing few workers having to spend their time preparing and cleaning up afterwards. This will be discussed at the AGM, your constructive thoughts and suggestions will be appreciated. Your objections probably won't.

The monthly BBQ seems to have grown in numbers attending over the year and attracts a good crowd of both Shed and Museum members obviously happy with the quality and quantity of the fare we offer. The Price of \$5.00 has been maintained for the time being, however there has been once again some suggestion the price might need to rise as costs of ingredients increase ?? A subject of discussion maybe at the AGM. Other than that the weekly morning tea has almost become lunch for some as we have over time been able to supply a more eclectic fare, this is always subject to members \$ 2.00 contributions to the honour box on the day for this to continue to cover costs.

This past the year some of the projects undertaken by the woodworking team have included.  
 Various furniture restorations,  
 John's woodturning items for sale  
 Various items made to order & Malcolm's jewellery boxes for sale  
 These projects are generally undertaken on a cost recovery + donation basis allowing us to keep funds available for consumables as they are required around the workshop.

My task as Foreman has been to oversee the functioning of the Shed as best I can in organising what needs to be done and to make members visits as pleasurable as possible, a big thank you goes to Eric Dethridge for organising the morning teas and BBQ's in my absence , Graham Moss our treasurer for keeping the accounts in order, Garth Chamberlain & Doug Anstiss for helping with the BBQ's by way of preparing the salads and procuring whatever supplies are needed. That said the door is always open for other volunteers to offer assistance, what I would like to propose at the AGM is the setting up of a monthly roster whereby members can take turns at procuring the supplies and preparing the morning teas so that we share the load, to those that help clean up I also say thank you as many hands make light work.

The wearing of name badges which was made compulsory at last year's AGM is not always observed as members fail to wear them, take them home, never to be seen again or lose them, the wearing of your badge just makes it easier to remember and know who you are talking to, especially new members who should receive a badge when they pay their membership, any ideas on how to remedy this situation will be greatly appreciated.

The annual membership fees, the monthly BBQ and Thursday collections along with sales of various item's produced by the resident artisans & donations continue to be our main source of revenue to fund any ongoing activities IE: the Xmas party or essential items of equipment to maintain the workshop. We continue to be self sufficient fiscally but as always we have our eyes on the balance sheet to maintain what we do and watch the cost of living.

And thank you one and all for your ongoing care and friendship.



Alan Boyd (Foreman 2017 /2018)

**Hall Men's Shed  
 2017 – 2018 Financial Report  
 Shed Account: CBA Gungahlin**

Bank Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	\$ 5,617.28 cr
Bank Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	\$ 4,577.78 cr
Petty Cash Box 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	\$ 1,616.00
Consumables Box 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	\$ 1,072.85
<b>Total =</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,266.63</u></b>

